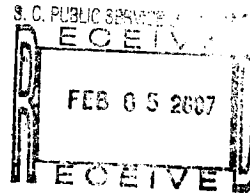


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Attention: Charles L. A. Terreni
 Chief Clerk/Administrator
 South Carolina Public Service Commission
 101 Executive Center Drive
 Columbia, SC 29211



Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am filing the following written comments to you in accordance with Docket No. 2005-385-E – Order No. 2006-680 on the consideration of implementing the requirements of Section 1251 (Net Metering and Additional Standards) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

I support the federal government's plan for net metering for the following reasons:

1. Our current reliance on fossil fuels (including coal, petroleum, and natural gas) is unsustainable in the long run.
2. Net metering has already been successfully implemented in 40 states and the District of Columbia.
3. Net metering provides a significant financial incentive to change the way we generate electricity and to lower fossil fuel emissions.

For the above-mentioned reasons I strongly encourage the PSC to set net metering as the standard for the public utilities that it regulates.

Sincerely,
 Signature

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What is net metering?

For consumers who have their own electricity generating units, net metering allows for the flow of electricity both to and from the customer through a single, bi-directional meter. With net metering, during times when the customer's generation exceeds his or her use, electricity from the customer to the utility offsets electricity consumed at another time. In effect, the customer is using the excess generation to offset electricity that would have been purchased at the retail rate.

Is net metering good for the environment?

1. Net metering provides a strong financial incentive to individuals and businesses to begin producing their own renewable energy.
2. Net metering will therefore reduce our reliance on fossil and nuclear fuels and reduce air pollution (including greenhouse gas emissions).
3. Net metering means that consumer/producers of renewable energy do not have to use storage batteries, which are expensive and harmful to the environment.

Is net metering Safe?

Yes. Net metering poses no threat of accidental electrocution of utility line workers (this is accomplished through the use of external disconnect switches).

Has net metering already been adopted in some states?

1. Yes. It has been adopted in 40 states and the District of Columbia.

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2. South Carolina is one of only 10 states that has not yet adopted net metering.

Is net metering good for South Carolina?

1. Currently 64% of the energy in South Carolina comes from fossil fuels (oil and gas, coal, and natural gas). Only 5% comes from renewables.
2. If South Carolina were a country it would be the 38th largest producer of greenhouse gases in the world.
3. South Carolina currently ranks third in the nation in per capita consumption of electricity.
4. Net metering will help wean us away from fossil and nuclear fuels and develop a sustainable energy system.

